

Thanks for all the Christmas goodies

On Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 04:56:18 PM EST, S. Robert Powell
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Julie:

Lots of treasures in that bag and box that you handed me this afternoon! Those treasures will go a long way to make the annual Christmas Dinner very special.

I'm back my desk. Freshly made pot of tea. Three slices of delicious nut bread ready to go. Relax, relax, relax.

Robert



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Well, I don't know about the nut bread. Not the best I ever made. THIS OVEN! And you know, I thought I was the only one, but Josh's girlfriend's mom said the same thing ----- she got a new oven, and nothing seems to bake right in it. The oven and washing machine I have now - suck! The washing machine - I hate that bitch!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you for letting me help you with your party. When Megan was in grade school, I always sent stuff in mass quantities for the kids. I run into mothers at Gerrity's now who tell me they still put out the crochet fridge magnets I sent to their kid's class years ago. Of course, as Megan got older, I didn't have to send things anymore and I miss it. I like counting stitches and making things in mass quantity. If I can help you -- I'm happy.

I ordered 100 snowmen from Shein and I'm not sure what I'm doing with them but ----- they needed to be here, and they will all disappear during the holiday season. Bank, Gerrity's, the Dollar Store - send some down to the church. I got adorable Santa Claus earrings for something like sixteen cents a pair. I ordered a dozen pair. When I make a thank you bag for Mary Ann and Sara for hosting the emporium will toss a pair in for each of them. A lot of stuff comes in here and everything goes somewhere. I'm always cruising

for things you can get in large quantities for a quarter each ----- and I find good stuff. Comes in handy.

I ordered snowflake stickers to put in my Christmas cards. People can stick them somewhere ----- or not. Whatever makes them happy. I try to keep it interesting!

That was a nice affair today. They did a good job. I hate to say it though - I expected to not have to eat supper today but I was hungry a bit ago so I ate - must have been the dog walk in the fresh air.

I am going to sit now with tea and crochet. Get a blanket for Abby and settle in. Since I got the TV I have been watching Miami Vice. I watched every episode back in the 1980's and I don't remember one of them so it's like watching a brand new show. I just remembered it was a good show and I can get it free now. The show still holds up -- still damn good all these years later and I like watching the 1980's fashion. So many things I wore and did with my hair and make up. Walk down memory lane.

See ya later

Julie

Wendy Belaski

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to Julie, me

It was so nice to spend the afternoon with you two. I think it was a good celebration. I saw people I haven't seen in years. A lot of work, great celebration, but I'm so glad we are done

Wendy

S. Robert Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>

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to Wendy Belaski

November 5, 2023

Wendy:

Thank you for your gracious hospitality this afternoon. Being surrounded by all those Covenant Presbyterians (a friendly,

cheerful group, to be sure) reminded me in a big way of being with a church full of Baptists during my growing up years. Only a small hand-full of those Baptists are still with us, and I miss all those who are no more. I liked very much the relaxed, easy-going feeling in the air in the dining room this afternoon.

The window in your church that I especially like is the *Annunciation* window (see attached file).

The Chartres labyrinth (as I learned just now; see attached photo) was known as 'the league' since following the path through it on one's knees took the same amount of time as walking a league along a road. The path symbolizes the journey of human life leading to ultimate victory over Evil.

Best,

Robert

13. The Sermon on the Mount

1938 Henry Lee Willet

*In memory of William W. Inglis (1871-1953) and
Gertrude K. Inglis (1874-1937)*

Matthew, Chapters 5, 6, and 7

The last verse of chapter 5 is considered to be a focal point that summarizes the teaching of the sermon: "be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect," advising his disciples and followers to seek the path towards perfection and the Kingdom of God.



14. The Nativity

1938 Henry Lee Willet

*In memory of Frederick J. Platt (1871-1959)
and Jessie Blair Platt (1871-1951)*

The Nativity refers to the birth of Jesus, primarily based on the two accounts in the gospels of Luke and Matthew.



15. The Annunciation

1967 Baut Studios

*In memory of James Harris Dunham (1866-1942)
and Margaret Gibson Dunham (1877-1964)
Given by Mr. & Mrs. James H. Dunham, Jr.
and Mr. & Mrs. William L. Connell, Jr.*

The Annunciation is the celebration of the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God.



Wendy Belaski

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to me

You need to come see and walk! It was also used during Lent as a "Pilgrimage to Jerusalem " because it was too dangerous and expensive to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There is a lot of symbolism in the Labyrinth.

You and I will have to talk. Very interesting history of the Labyrinth. Don't get me started on the Minotaur legend with the Labyrinth....

Wendy